

Merrick County Board Minutes



February 24, 2015

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Carlson, Weller, Kreachbaum, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Graves, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:09 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2015 as presented and published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves attended the Senior Center meeting on February 19, 2015 and was elected Chairman; Weller attended the Development Corporation meeting on February 16th and on the 17th he attended the Bader Park meeting; Kreachbaum attended the Ag Society meeting on February 19, 2015 at the Fire Hall; Helgoth and Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting on February 12, 2015.

Officials report: Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr is taking Cara Wells to Texas with her and they will be gone April 6, 2015 through April 12, 2015 for meetings. Planning & Zoning Myers went to testify before the legislature on LB106. County Attorney Holmolka asked the Board to keep an eye on LB605 on prison overcrowding. She will be gone for three days next week attending a conference on Speaking of Children. The autopsy doctor will be increasing his fee from \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00 and so the County Attorney's budget may be short of funds. The County Clerk presented the security report to the Board for the Treasurer. Sheriff Campbell reported that in January the deputies had 342 calls for service; 147 were contacts by deputies, 221.35 hours of patrol time, they covered 10 accidents, had 6 HHS calls, responded to 11 verbal disturbances and 1 physical and 33 civil process served or returned. Dispatch had 526 total calls for service. This includes calls for the fire and ambulance, and other agencies. They handled 30 medical rescue, three fire calls, transferred eight 911 calls to other counties, handled 20 vins for the month, and 21 gun permits. There were 15 new inmates booked in and 18 were released. They served approximately 930 meals. The jail currently has eight inmates.

Heins Subdivision: Planning & Zoning Myers presented the Heins Subdivision in part of the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 12, Range 8 for the Boards approval. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve the Heins Subdivision in part of the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 12, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

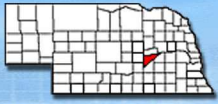
4H Building project: Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr said that she had not found any counties that had bonds for a building project but does not have the reach that the County Clerk would have so asked the County Clerk to contact the other County Clerk's to see if there are any counties that had bonds for a building project and also borrowed money. The Fair Board voted to put money aside for research for grants that may be available and the 4H Council will also give \$100.00 for researching grants. The bid for the sewer came in at \$96,000.00 and the company took \$2,500.00 off of that so it will be \$93,500.00. They are still waiting on the water cost. There will be a total of three payments due before the end of the fiscal year, but Joe Hewgley asked that the County Clerk give him a call to discuss waiting to make the three payments after this fiscal year so that the budget will not have to be amended.

Agreement and easement: Extension Educator Stuhr said that she had not heard back from D.A. Davidson concerning the agreement and easement so this will have to wait until they are given a reply from D.A. Davidson.

Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Graves to open the hearing on the One and Six Year Road Plan at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. There were not questions or concerns from anyone. Moved Helgoth, second Weller to go out of the hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve RESOLUTION 2015-6 approving the One and Six Year Road Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-6 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Interlocal Agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented the Interlocal Agreement between Platte County and Merrick County for the Monroe South Overlay Project for the Board's approval. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Platte County and Merrick County for the Monroe South Overlay Project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2015-4 and RESOLUTION 2015-5: Highway Superintendent/Surveyor Meyer presented the new fees for the Highway Department and Surveyor by resolutions. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve RESOLUTIONS 2015-4 and RESOLUTION 2015-5 setting the new fees for the Highway Department and the Surveyor.



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Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-4 and RESOLUTION 2015-5 are on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Donating sick time: Highway Superintendent Meyer said he had an employee that had rotor cuff surgery and their recuperation time is longer than they thought it would be. The employee has used all of their sick, vacation, and comp time. Meyer is asking if his employees can donate some of their time to this employee. The handbook states that the County Board is the one to make the decision. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve road employees donating unused sick time to Dennis Catlett due to extended illness. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2015-1: Sheriff Campbell said he wanted to clear up some confusion. He is not asking to add all of his dispatchers to the list of personnel that get reimbursed for the use of their cell phones. He is just asking to add a couple and to increase the rates for some that are already on the list. They do not get a uniform allowance and the increase is in his budget. The County Clerk was not included on the first resolution but needs to be added. The first resolution included the Sheriff, their deputies, County Attorney and their deputies, and the Juvenile Diversion Officer. The new resolution would add the County Clerk, Dispatch Supervisor, and the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant. They are all required to be available 24 hours a day for emergency situations and they must be able to be reached during non-office hours. Sheriff Campbell wanted to increase the rate to \$40.00 for himself, the Chief Deputy, Sargent, and the investigator and \$30.00 for the Dispatch Supervisor and Administrative Assistant. County Attorney Homolka said her and her deputy's increase to \$40.00, if approved, would not take effect until the next fiscal year because she did not budget it. The County Clerk also had the money in her budget. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adopt RESOLUTION 2015-1 adding the County Clerk, Dispatch Supervisor and Sheriff's Administrative Assistant and to keep the rate at \$30.00 per month for the use of personal technological equipment (i.e. cellular phone) payable out of each respective officials' annual budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Weller, Kreachbaum, Helgoth, and Kucera. Nays: Carlson and Wiegert. Moved Carlson, second Kreachbaum to increase the reimbursement rate to \$40.00 per month for the use of personal technological equipment (i.e. cellular phone) payable out of each respective officials' annual budget for the Sheriff, Sargent, Chief Deputy, Investigator, and County Attorney. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Carlson, and Wiegert. Nays: Weller, Graves, Helgoth, and Kucera. RESOLUTION 2015-1 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Snow removal, lawn care, and maintenance: Board members discussed making the maintenance job a full time position and advertising again and also putting the job posting on the website. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to change the maintenance position to full time and to advertise the position again and post it on the website. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Audit: The State Auditor's Office had sent an email containing the audit draft to all of the Board members and the County Clerk. The Board had no comments on the draft. Moved Graves, second Kucera to authorize the Chairman to sign the State Audit Draft report letter. Roll Call: All Ayes.

February 2015 payroll: The February 2015 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$104,487.94 Net: \$73,719.91 Roads: Gross: \$49,266.53 Net: \$33,719.30 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,946.67 Net: \$2,060.15. Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve the February 2015 payroll as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Graves, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert. Helgoth, Kucera, and Weller approve all the payroll claims that they signed and nay on the ones they did not sign.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk